



MY DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAM WITH SYMBIOSIS

My name is Martin Thomas from Berlin, Germany. From August 2021 to April 2022, I studied at Symbiosis International University (SCMHRD) in the context of a Double Degree Program from my Home University BSEL (HWR Berlin). For two semesters, I was living and learning in Pune along with other students from my HR MBA.



Although all my classes were conducted online and most of the events on campus weren't happening or conducted online, I still had a great time being here and met lots of people from my studies and Pune. Because of the online classes, I was able to travel a lot and see the beauty and diversity of India.

Some friends and my family were sceptical about my stay in India, as there are some prejudices and false ideas about India in Germany. These come from the little knowledge we have about the country. I learned a lot about a culture, lifestyles, and mindsets that never occurred to me in Europe. I can only encourage students, especially from western countries, to come to India and experience it first-hand. It is an eye-opening and life-changing possibility to travel to such a diverse and pluralistic country.

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- Martin Thomas, April 2022